to the allottees of gas connections in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(e) the number of allottees who have so far been given this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Till January 1986, 7.86 lakh LPG connections have been released in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(b) The number of LPG connections released during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 are given below:—

1984-85 . . .	1,02,028
1985-86 (upto Jan. 86) . .	54,888

(c) The number is as given below:

	Release against Booking	Priortity release
1984-85 . . .	75192	9719
1985-86 . . .	39182	9726

(d) Supply of the second cylinder has been temporarily restricted in the Union Territory of Delhi.

(e) Till January 1986, second cylinders had been released to about 230000 persons in the Union Territory of Delhi.

Supply of LPG in Delhi

769. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late, there has been any shortage in the supply of LPG cylinders in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the supply position and to ensure same day or next day supply of cylinders to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There was some backlog in supply of refills in Delhi|New Delhi, due to upsurge in demand in winter and certain operational problems including erratic functioning of automatic carousel filling machines and weighing system at two bottling plants in Delhi.

(c) The oil companies are carrying out urgent maintenance of these machines to restore normalcy in the supply of refills. Also, refills are being transported from Mathura, Koyali, Allahabad and Bombay to meet the demand.

Agreement with Japan for supply of Hazira Jagdishpur pipe-line

770. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Auhority of India Limited (GAIL) have signed an agreement in July, 1985 with a Japanese consortium led by Sumitomo Corporation for supply of pipes for Hazira Jagdishpur pipeline;

(b) what was the total value of order in terms of Rupees and U.S. Dollars; and

(c) whether there has been any effect on the value of contract by increase in value of Yen as compared to Indian Rupee and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The supplies under the contract are being financed by Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of